

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF CONSUMER CLUBS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up consumer clubs in all the States in order to create awareness about consumer interests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any arrangements have been made to provide primary grant to the consumer clubs by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): The scheme for setting up Consumer Clubs in schools/colleges has been launched with a view to impart consumer education to the school children by involving them in various consumer welfare and consumer protection activities and instilling in them the spirit of protection of consumer rights. As per the scheme a Consumer Club shall be set up in each Middle/High/Higer Secondary School/College affiliated to a government recognized Board for which a grant of Rs.10,000/- per Consumer Club per annum for two years for each school/college is admissible. The club will be set up and serviced by a co-coordinating agency. The best three consumer clubs in each cluster for consumer clubs co-ordinated by one agency are eligible for cash prizes. The scheme has been decentralized and the amount of grant to each State/UT has been worked out in proportion to the number of districts in the State/UT.

(c) & (d): Consumer Clubs have so far been sanctioned in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Tripura, West Bengal, Maharashtra and NCT of Delhi, on the basis of applications received from them, as per Consumer Welfare Fund Rules.